

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office action dated February 8, 2006, setting forth a shortened three month statutory period with a two month extension of time for reply expiring on July 10, 2006, since July 8 falls on a Saturday. This response is submitted July 7, 2006; thus, a petition and fee for a two month extension of time to reply is required. The Examiner is thanked for his review of this application and issuance of the Office action. This Amendment is fully responsive to the final Office action and places the application in condition for allowance. Thus, entry of this Amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 10, 24 and 32 being independent claims. By this Amendment, claims 1-9 and 24-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, the claims now pending in the application are claims 10-23, with claim 10 being an independent claim.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9 and 24-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,761,667 issued to Cutler et al. To advance prosecution of this application and to expedite the issuance of allowed claims, claims 1-9 and 24-32 are cancelled without prejudice. In light of these cancellations, the rejections of claims 1-9 and 24-32 are moot. The right to traverse these rejections in a continuation or other related application is expressly reserved.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for allowing claims 10-23.

III. Amendment of Claims 12, 13 and 23

Claims 12, 13 and 23 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors and do not alter the scope of the claims. Claim 12 has been amended to recite "a second belt." Claim 13 has been amended to depend directly from allowed claim 10. Each of amended claims 12 and 13 still properly depend from allowed claim 10. Moreover, each of amended claims 12 and 13 contain all limitations recited in claim 10, and thus is still allowable for at least the reasons claim 10 is allowable. Accordingly, amended claims 12 and 13 are each in condition for allowance, and indication of such by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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Claim 23 has been amended to depend directly from allowed claim 15. Amended claim 23 properly depends from allowed claim 15. Moreover, amended claim 23 contains all limitations recited in claim 15, and thus is still allowable for at least the reasons claim 15 is allowable. Accordingly, amended claim 23 is in condition for allowance, and indication of such by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

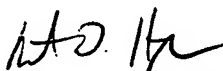
In view of the above, claims 10-23 remain in the application, with claim 10 being an independent claim. In accordance with the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the application and all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such prompt allowance is earnestly requested.

A two month extension of time to respond to the February 8, 2006 final Office action is hereby requested, making this Amendment and Response due on or before Monday, July 10, 2006 (as July 8, 2006 falls on a Saturday). The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the two month extension of time fee. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing this Amendment and Response to Final Office Action. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

Should any issues remain that the Examiner believes may be dealt with in a telephone conference, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (303) 352-1118.

Respectfully submitted,

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